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## CLAIMS

- 25      3. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according

to claim 1, wherein said positive electrode active material having a layered rock salt structure is constituted of a material containing at least either cobalt or nickel.

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4. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 1 or 3, wherein said conducting material includes a metal nitride.

10 5. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 4, wherein said metal nitride includes zirconium nitride ( $\text{ZrN}$  or  $\text{Zr}_3\text{N}_2$ ).

15 6. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 5, wherein said zirconium nitride constituting said conducting material is contained in said positive electrode active material layer with a content of at least 1 mass % and not more than 20 mass %.

20 7. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 1 or 3, wherein said conducting material includes a metal carbide.

25 8. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 7, wherein said metal carbide includes tungsten carbide.

9. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 7, wherein said metal carbide includes tantalum carbide.

5 10. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 7, wherein said metal carbide includes zirconium carbide.

11. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to any of claim 1 and claims 3 to 10, further comprising a  
10 binder, contained in said positive electrode active material layer, including polymer fluoride.

12. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 11, wherein said polymer fluoride includes polyvinylidene  
15 fluoride.

13. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 11 or 12, wherein said positive electrode is cylindrically or angularly formed.

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14. (amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:

a positive electrode (1) including a positive electrode active material layer;

a negative electrode (2) including a negative  
25 electrode active material layer;

a nonaqueous electrolyte (5) substantially  
constituted of only a solvent and a solute; and

a conducting material contained in said positive  
electrode active material layer and constituted of a  
5 carbide, wherein

the filling density of said positive electrode active  
material layer is at least 4.0 g/ml.

15. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim  
10 14, further comprising a binder, contained in said  
positive electrode active material layer, including  
polymer fluoride.

16. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim  
15 15, wherein said polymer fluoride includes polyvinylidene  
fluoride.

17. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim  
15 or 16, wherein said positive electrode is cylindrically  
20 or angularly formed.